Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 02 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 03 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 01 Mar 2023 at 10:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled weather continuing rest of this week and into weekend. Lower confidence on cloud detail each day.

Headline for Thursday 02 Mar 2023: Dry. Some sunshine in west of area with bright spells developing further east.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 02 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG						
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 02 Mar 2023

Weather: Most ranges will have a dry day with a lot of cloud but some sunshine in the west and bright spells developing further east. Thicker cloud over northern Cairngorms at first may bring a few light wintry flurries.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in southwest of area, 40% in northeast.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud bases around 700 to 800m, patchy in west from Creag Meagaidh – southwards. Clouds more extensive in north and east of area but even here some cloud breaks will develop. Good visibility away from cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/31 NE	19/26 NE	17/24 NE	18/25 NE	14/21 NE	11/16 NE	9/13 NE	8/12 NE	9/12 NE
900	18/24 NE	15/20 NE	14/18 NE	14/19 NE	12/17 NE	10/15 NE	8/12 NE	7/11 NE	6/9 NE
600	11/17 NE	8/14 NE	7/12 NE	7/12 NE	9/15 NE	8/14 NE	6/10 NE	5/9 NE	5/8 NE
300	6/14 NE	4/11 NE	4/10 NE	3/9 NE	6/13 NE	6/14 NE	5/11 NE	3/6 N	3/5 N
Glen	4/14 NE	3/11 N	2/9 N	2/9 NE	4/13 NE	5/12 NE	3/9 NE	2/6 NE	2/4 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-12	-5/-13	-5/-12	-4/-12	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10
900	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-6	-0/-5	-1/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7
600	1/-3	0/-3	0/-3	0/-3	2/-2	2/-1	1/-2	0/-2	-1/-3
300	3/0	2/0	2/0	3/1	4/2	5/2	3/1	2/0	1/-1
Glen	3/1	2/1	2/1	2/1	5/3	6/4	4/3	2/2	-0/0
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	600m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Continuing to feel bitterly cold over higher ridges and summits due to the breeze combined with sub-zero temperatures.

Forecast for Friday 03 Mar 2023
Weather: A dry and bright day across the North Grampian area with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Light northerly winds, average speeds on the tops of 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly very good visibility with patchy cloud cover above about 700 to 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m

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